

Appl. No. 10/676,283  
Paper dated February 24, 2006  
Reply to Office Action dated December 15, 2005

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7 were pending. The indication of allowability of claims 2-6 is acknowledged with appreciation. By this paper claims 1 and 7 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejections of these claims are now moot.

This application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5169.

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